[15th July 1953

Supply of water to Kondangi tank from the Tiruvathi anicut in South Arcot.

* 478 *Q.*—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the water from the Tiruvathi anicut was let open to Kondangi tank in South Arcot district in the month of February 1953:

(*b*) for how many days the water was let down:

(*c*) whether the ryots of the Tiruvathi anicut area were previously intimated; and

(*d*) whether it was done after meeting their needs?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Three days.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) Yes."

SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the fact that this kind of taking away water from one tank to another clearly shows the partial ways of administration in the districts and also in view of the fact that thousands of acres of crops suffered on account of this, will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works give us an assurance that this sort of a thing will not happen in future, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, I do not know what the hon. Member means. No crops have suffered on account of this diversion of water."

SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, though previous information was not given to the ryots, the Hon. Minister has stated that the ryots were informed previously and I would request the Hon. Minister to see that this sort of diversion of water from one tank to another does not take place in future without previous intimation from the Collector to the ryots? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, I think that in the present case the ryots were also present when this question was discussed by the Collector."

Allowances paid for village munsifs for attending the jamabandi.

* 479 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of remuneration paid towards travelling allowance and batta for a village munsif for attending the jamabandis held by Revenue officials;

(*b*) the approximate annual total expenditure incurred by the Government on this account; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to stop this payment in order to augment their revenue?